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THE CIA OCTOPUS -- A SECRET SERVICE WITH  
UNDERWORLD METHODS

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It was gruesome -- like a nightmare, one of the participants said later on. The entire detachment of short and thin, black-haired men in the black shirts and the blue trousers of the FNL [Vietnamese National Liberation Front] National Liberation Army attacked the village in the highlands of Central Vietnam like a hurricane. They raped the women, they hanged the old men from trees, they mutilated the children and they set fire to the straw roofs of the poor huts. On a piece of paper which they left behind -- and which a short time afterward was found by American soldiers and handed over to the reporters -- this action was termed "an act of revenge of the FNL for the betrayal perpetrated by one of the village inhabitants."

This massacre actually was a disgusting and cruel lie. The CIA had figured out this barbaric mission; it had dressed up its own agents as FNL fighters and it had sent them against the village. This was supposed to give American newspaper correspondents more food for their campaign of lies about the alleged atrocities committed by the FNL. The lives of dozens of innocent people were wiped out in order to make this lie sound more plausible.

Senator Young Spills the Beans

One of the men who carried out this mission later on reported about this massacre because his conscience bothered him. The witness, who is certainly beyond suspicion, released the entire affair to the public: he was Senator Steven Young from Ohio, who learned about this action in Saigon.

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